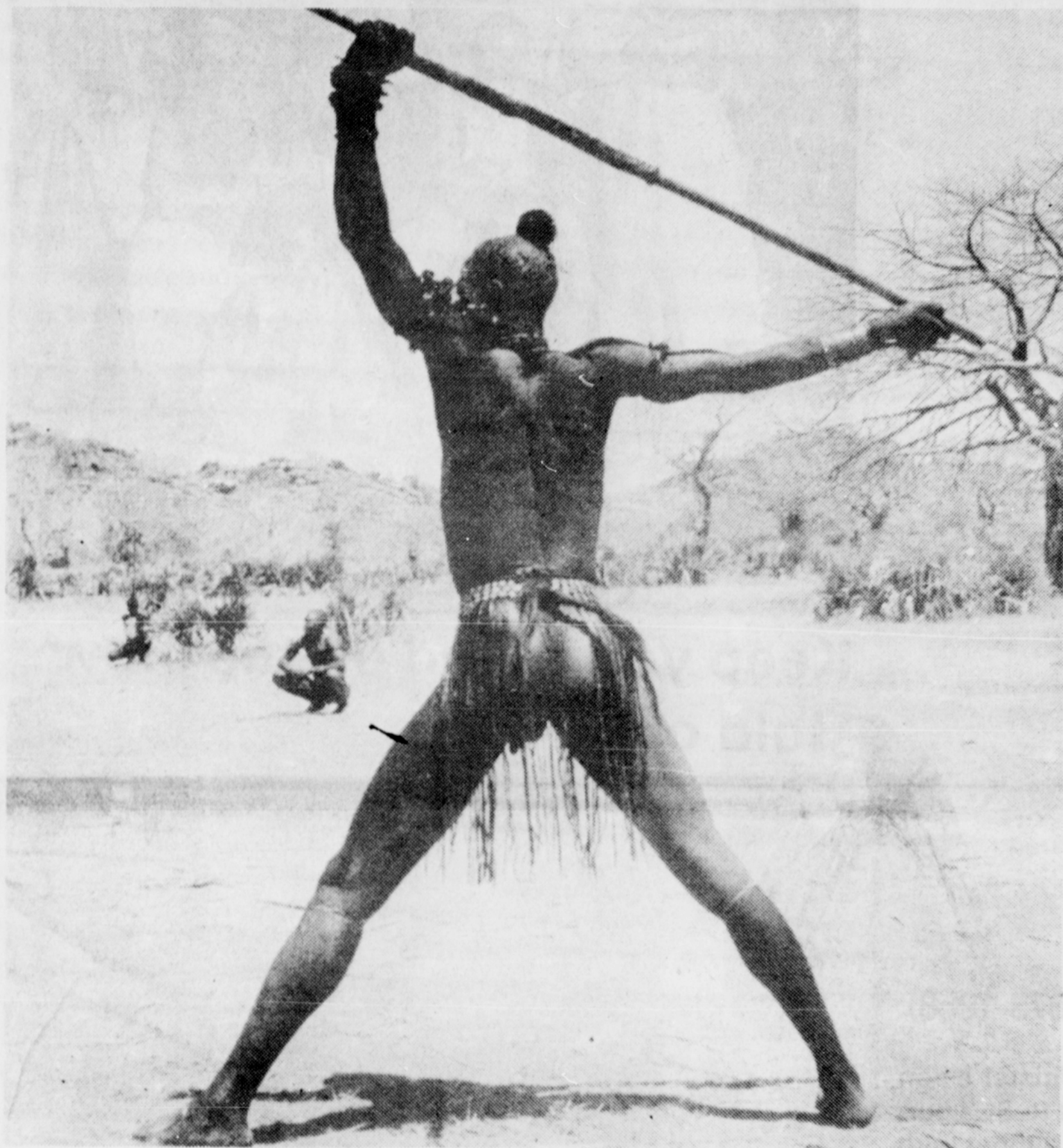


**And they sold us like beasts, and they
counted our teeth . . . and they felt our
testicles and they tested the lustre or
dullness of our skin . . .**

—Cesaire



Have mercy, Lord!

Po' an' black
An' humble an' lonesome
An' a sinner in yo' sight.

Have mercy, Lord!

Langston Hughes

Maggie Lena Walker (1867-1934)

Born into poverty in Richmond, Virginia, she became executive secretary-treasurer of the Independent Order of St. Luke in 1889, and founded the St. Luke Penny Savings Bank in 1902. Later she served as Virginia state president of the National Association of Colored Women, and established a newspaper, the St. Luke Herald. In 1924 she spurred an inter-racial group of women to develop an active community center in Richmond, Virginia.



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